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In re the Application of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of any claim fees, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as annexed hereto on a separate sheet.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3-8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18, 24, and 25, as follows:

1. (Amended) Holder for plant cuttings, comprising at least one carrier and a series of clamping elements which are fixed to the carrier and which are each adapted to clamp a plant cutting, wherein the clamping elements are fixed to the carrier such that plant cuttings clamped in the clamping elements extend substantially parallel to each other, and the center of each of the clamping elements is situated substantially in the same central plane.

3. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the carrier extends as a strip and that the clamping elements are fixed to the carrier at regular mutual distances.

4. (Amended) Holder as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the clamping elements are each fixed on the same side of the carrier.

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